



**GLADSTONE**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CIVIC CENTRE  
101 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE**

**On 3 March 2020**

**Commencing at 9.00am**

**Leisa Dowling  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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## **Elected Members**

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett  
Councillor G G Churchill  
Councillor K Goodluck  
Councillor R A Hansen  
Councillor P J Masters  
Councillor D V O'Grady  
Councillor P J Sobhanian  
Councillor C A Trevor  
Councillor N Muszkat

## **Officers**

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)  
Mrs D Clarke (Executive Assistant)  
Ms A Scott  
Mrs T Whalley  
Mrs K Lee  
Mrs C Quinn  
Mr M Francis  
Mr M Holmes

Unconfirmed

### **G/0.3.1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

#### **G/20/4110 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Sobhanian  
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That an apology for Cr Churchill be received to attend a funeral at 9.30am.

**CARRIED**

### **G/0.3.2. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE**

Nil.

Unconfirmed

### **G/0.3.3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

#### **MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Pursuant to section 175(C) of the Local Government Act 2009, where a Councillor declares a Material Personal Interest in an agenda item, the Councillor must leave the room for the agenda item.

##### **Cr Muszkat**

Councillor Natalia Muszkat advised that in agenda item number G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE AREA PROMOTION DEVELOPMENT LIMITED 2020 PLANS, she has a material personal interest as she is a Director of Strong Communities Limited who hold a service level agreement with Gladstone Area Promotion & Development Limited (GAPDL).

Cr Muszkat elected to leave the room for item G/4.1.2 Deputation by Gladstone Area Promotion & Development Limited.

##### **Cr Goodluck**

Councillor Kahn Goodluck advised that in agenda item number G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE AREA PROMOTION DEVELOPMENT LIMITED 2020 PLANS, he has a material personal interest as he performs at Feast on East event from time to time which is a Gladstone Area Promotion & Development Limited (GAPDL) event and the deputation from GAPDL on the agenda specifically says is seeking input from Council on Council's future intentions.

Cr Goodluck elected to leave the room for item G/4.1.2 Deputation by Gladstone Area Promotion & Development Limited.

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Pursuant to section 175(E) of the Local Government Act 2009, where a Councillor declares an Interest and elects to leave the room for an agenda item, a resolution of Council is not required.

##### **Cr Trevor**

Councillor Chris Trevor advised that in agenda item G/4.1.1 GLADSTONE PORTS CORPORATION DEPUTATION, he has a personal interest in this matter. As either the Federal Member for Flynn or the candidate for Flynn, Cr Trevor was part of the announcement by the then Federal Treasurer of Australia Wayne Swan in 2009 / 2010 that gave the sum of \$50 million dollars towards funding stage 2 of the Port Access Road.

However, Cr Trevor advised that he has determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead him to make a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr Trevor advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council area by participating in the discussion and therefore, Cr Trevor proposed to stay in the room for this deputation.

##### **G/20/4111 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Masters  
Seconded Cr Churchill

Cr Trevor does not have a conflict of interest in agenda Item G/4.1.1.

**CARRIED**

##### **Cr O'Grady**

Councillor Desley O'Grady advised that in agenda item number G/3.1.2. SURRENDER OF TRUSTEESHIP OF LOT 61 ON SP275200, she has a personal interest as Cr O'Grady was the interim chair for 7 months of the Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail (BBIRT) group & holds the position as patron for the BBIRT group. The report identifies that ownership by Gladstone Area Water Board of Lot 61 may provide opportunities for the Boyne Valley Rail Trail.

Cr O'Grady advised that as she has previously declared this interest as a real conflict of interest, she will leave the room for the consideration of agenda item G/3.1.2.

### **Cr Sobhanian**

Councillor Sobhanian advised that in agenda item number G/3.1.2. SURRENDER OF TRUSTEESHIP OF LOT 61 ON SP275200, he has a personal interest as he was the former Council nominated non-executive Director of Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB).

However, Cr Sobhanian determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead him to make a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr Sobhanian advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and therefore, he proposed to stay in the room for the consideration of agenda item G/3.1.2.

### **G/20/4112 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Masters  
Seconded Cr Goodluck

Cr Sobhanian does not have a conflict of interest in agenda Item G/3.1.2.

**CARRIED**

### **Cr Hansen**

Councillor Rick Hansen advised that in agenda item number G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE AREA PROMOTION DEVELOPMENT LIMITED 2020 PLANS, he has a personal interest as he is the Council nominated Board member of Gladstone Area Promotion & Development Limited (GAPDL).

However, in accordance with section 175D of the Local Government Act 2009, Cr Hansen advised that he doesn't believe this interest is a conflict of interest merely because of his nomination to be a member of this board.

Cr Hansen proposed to stay in the room for the consideration of agenda item G/4.1.2 as it is only a deputation.

### **G/20/4113 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr O'Grady

Cr Hansen does not have a conflict of interest in agenda Item G/4.1.1.

**CARRIED**

### **Cr Churchill**

Councillor Glenn Churchill advised that in agenda item number G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE AREA PROMOTION DEVELOPMENT LIMITED 2020 PLANS, he has a personal interest as he was a board member of Gladstone Area Promotion & Development Limited (GAPDL) for seven (7) years but was also the Chief Executive Officer for GAPDL for nearly 8 years and in light of that circumstance, Cr Churchill proposed to leave the room.

Cr Churchill noted that with the previous resolution for a temporary leave of absence during this meeting, it is likely he will not be present when this item is presented but will remain out of the room for item G/4.1.2.

**Cr O'Grady**

Councillor Desley O'Grady advised that in agenda item number G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE AREA PROMOTION DEVELOPMENT LIMITED 2020 PLANS, she has a personal interest as she was a Board member of Gladstone Area Promotion & Development Limited (GAPDL) from 2016-2017. Cr O'Grady proposed to stay in the room for the consideration of agenda item G/4.1.2.

**G/20/4114 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Hansen  
Seconded Cr Churchill

Cr O'Grady does not have a conflict of interest in agenda Item G/4.1.2.

**CARRIED**

**Mayor Burnett**

Mayor Matthew Burnett advised that in agenda item number G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE AREA PROMOTION DEVELOPMENT LIMITED 2020 PLANS, he has a personal interest as he was a former Council nominated Board member of Gladstone Area Promotion & Development Limited (GAPDL) from 2008 - 2016. However, he doesn't believe a conflict exists and proposed to stay in the room for the consideration of agenda item G/4.1.2.

**G/20/4115 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill  
Seconded Cr Muszkat

Mayor Burnett does not have a conflict of interest in agenda Item G/4.1.1.

**CARRIED**

## **G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES**

The official opening of the Boyne Valley Rural Fire Brigade Station was held on 1 March. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, however, I would like to thank those Councillors that attended. It is fantastic to see this new facility in the Boyne Valley.

On 24 February, Member for Gladstone, Glenn Butcher, the Member for Rockhampton, in partnership with Minister Mick de Brenni and Minister Kate Jones hosted the Central Queensland Regional Forum in Gladstone. It will be great to see the outcomes of the forum over the next few months. There are meeting all around Central Queensland to discuss how to boost economic development and the building of infrastructure and support services.

It was very exciting to host our Hydrogen and Biofuels Forum on 27 February at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre. The \$4.2 million gas injection facility was announced at the forum by Minister Cameron Dick. This announcement is part of the Queensland Government's \$15 million Hydrogen Industry Strategy Development Fund which was launched in Gladstone last year, with applications opening in Iowa. On both occasions I was standing next to the Minister when he made these announcements and I believe it is appropriate that the first lot of funding to come from this development fund is here in Gladstone.

Gladstone will become the first entire city in our nation to be on a blend of natural gas and hydrogen. We will be using renewable hydrogen, AGN (Australian Gas Networks). We will trial blended hydrogen gas, with a view of converting Gladstone's network into hydrogen into the future. What is also exciting is that at the same time, the Minister announced that H2U has selected Gladstone as their location for their proposed H2U Hub which is a \$1.6 billion hydrogen industry complex. It is a large scale production of green hydrogen and ammonia. We have one project that is happening, and another that will happen, kicking Gladstone's hydrogen industry off and proving that we are the leaders in this area, once they go through their EIS statements and final investment decision.



## **G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 18 FEBRUARY 2020**

**File Ref:** CM7.2

**Purpose:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 18 February 2020.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 18 February 2020 be confirmed.

**G/20/4116 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill  
Seconded Cr Masters

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/3. OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **G/3.1. OFFICER'S REPORTS**

#### **G/3.1.1. AMENDMENT TO FEES AND CHARGES - CONCESSION FOR PROPERTIES AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS**

**File Ref:** ES12.1; DB1.2, DB1.3, DB1.7, DB1.11, FM7.1 and FM 7.2

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider adopting a Development Application Fee Concession for eligible community members impacted by a Declared Natural Disaster within the Gladstone Region.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council amend the 2019/2020 Fees and Charges to include a Development Application Fee Concession to support eligible Gladstone Region community members who lodge a Development Application with respect to their Principal Place of Residence and associated structures, within two years of a Declared Natural Disaster relative to their loss.

**G/20/4117 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr Hansen

That Council:

1. Amend the 2019/2020 Fees and Charges to include a Development Application Fee Concession to support eligible Gladstone Region community members who lodge a Development Application with respect to their Principal Place of Residence and associated structures, within two years of a Declared Natural Disaster relative to their loss; and
2. Forward a copy of Council's resolution and report to the Prime Minister and ask the Prime Minister to re-consider the decision not to award bushfire funding to the region.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**G/3.1.2. SURRENDER OF TRUSTEESHIP OF LOT 61 ON SP275200**

**Cr O'Grady (declared Conflict of Interest)  
left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/3.1.2.  
(refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – pages 5-7)**

**File Ref:** CP2.5; CP8.8

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider the surrender of trusteeship over Lot 61 on SP275200.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council surrender trusteeship over Lot 61 on SP275200 conditional upon the land being transferred to Gladstone Area Water Board.

**G/20/4118 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/4. DEPUTATIONS**

### **G/4.1. DEPUTATIONS**

#### **G/4.1.1. GLADSTONE PORTS CORPORATION DEPUTATION**

**File Ref:** CM7.6

**Purpose:**

Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited (“GPC”) will present the justification for investigations to increase the clearance of the Goondoon Street Bridge (“the Bridge”) over the Port Access Road and will submit a recommendation to Council that Council undertake a GPC funded investigation into the increase of the clearance of the Bridge.

**Deputation Request:**

That Council lead the investigation into the increase of the clearance of the Goondoon Street Bridge over the Port Access Road with funding from GPC.

**G/20/4119 Council Resolution**

Moved Cr Masters  
Seconded Cr Hansen

That Council lead the investigation into the increase of the clearance of the Goondoon Street Bridge over the Port Access Road with funding from Gladstone Ports Corporation.

**CARRIED**

## **G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE AREA PROMOTION DEVELOPMENT LIMITED 2020 PLANS**

**Crs Muszkat and Goodluck (declared Material Personal Interest)  
left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/4.1.2.  
(refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – pages 5-7)**

**Cr Churchill (declared Conflict of Interest)  
left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/4.1.2.  
(refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – pages 5-7)**

**File Ref:** CM7.6

### **Purpose:**

Gladstone Area Promotion Development Limited (GAPDL) will provide an update to Council including recent activities, GAPDL's plans for 2020 and stakeholder collaboration and is seeking input from Council on Council's intentions for future funding of GAPDL.

### **Deputation Recommendation:**

That the deputation from Gladstone Area Promotion Development Limited be received.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am for  
morning tea and reconvened at 11:03 am.**

**G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Nil.

**G/6. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil.

**G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil.

**G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil.

Unconfirmed

There being no further business the Mayor formally closed the meeting.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.35am**

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby confirm that I have read the minutes and they are a true and correct record of the proceedings of the meeting. I certify that these 15 pages form the official copy of Gladstone Regional Council General Meeting Minutes of the 3 March 2020.

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Mayor Matt Burnett

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Date

Unconfirmed